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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: *Rickey Lee Blackwell v. State of South Carolina*
Case Number 2018-CP-42-00928
60 Day Status Report

Dear Ms. Howard:

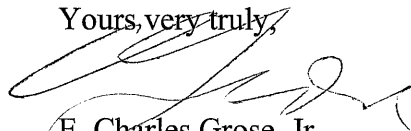
This letter is the sixty-day status report pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996).

Mr. Blackwell's pre-hearing investigation is ongoing. Although the COVID-19 pandemic limited his in-field investigation, Mr. Blackwell has resumed some in-field investigation activities. We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation from the perspective of safety to our team, experts, and the witnesses. Judge Hall scheduled a status conference for August 31, 2022 and the evidentiary hearing for the week of October 31, 2022.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours, very truly,



E. Charles Grose, Jr.

cc: The Honorable Daniel D. Hall
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